

50+ Ministry

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60+ *Legacies*

Sunday Class

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**All Saints Presbyterian Church
Austin, TX**

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Kingdom Parables

Understanding & Applying

All Saints Presbyterian Church

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Austin, TX

Fall 2025

Taught by Rev. Craig Chapman

50+60+ Schedule – 2025

Songs of Praise

Prayer & Scripture

“Kingdom Parables”

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September

- Sun, 9/21 – **Fall Kick-off Lunch** – 11:45 AM-2:45 PM, at The Chapmans' home.

October

- Mon, 10/13 – **Supper & Swing Dancing** – 7-9 PM. Big Band Bash at the Lakeway Activity Center. BYOB & Food. **Registration now open!**

November

- Fri, 11/7 – **Chili Cook-Off** – 6-9 PM at All Saints. BYOB + Chili, Cornbread, &/or Cobbler. Prizes in each category.

December

- Fri, Dec 5 – **Christmas Party** – 6:30-9:30 PM. BYOB + Appetizer or Dessert.



50+ Fall Kick-Off Lunch 2025





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Philippians 2:12-13

*... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,
for it is God who works in you,
both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

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O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshines' blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me thru pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow thru the rain and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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Hebrews 11:1,6

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen....*

*Without faith it is impossible to please God,
for whoever would draw near to God
must believe that He exists
and that He rewards those who seek Him.*

(ESV)

New City Catechism

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Part 1—God, Creation & Fall, Law (Q1-Q20)

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Q9: What does God require in the First, Second, and Third Commandments?

A9: *First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.*

- Deuteronomy 6:13-14
It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.
- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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God leads men to see that the God revealed in Scripture, and manifested in the person of the Lord Jesus, is the God who made heaven and earth. *Man fashions* for himself a god after his own liking; he makes to himself if not out of wood or stone, yet out of what he calls his own consciousness, or his cultured thought, a deity to his taste, who will not be too severe with his iniquities or deal out strict justice to the impenitent. He rejects God as he is, and elaborates other gods, such as he thinks the Divine One ought to be, and he says concerning these works of his own imagination, “These be thy gods, O Israel!”

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*The **Holy Spirit**, however, when he **illuminates** their minds, leads us to see that Jehovah is God, and beside him there is none else. He teaches his people to know that the God of heaven and earth is the God of the Bible, a God whose attributes are completely balanced, mercy attended by justice, love accompanied by holiness, grace arrayed in truth, and power linked with tenderness. He is not a God who winks at sin, much less is pleased with it, as the gods of the heathen are supposed to be, but a God who cannot look upon iniquity, and will by no means spare the guilty. This is the great quarrel of the present day between the philosopher and the Christian. The philosopher says, “Yes, a god if you will, but he must be of such a character as I now dogmatically set before you”; but the Christian replies, “Our business is not to invent a god, but to obey the one Lord who is revealed in the Scriptures of truth.”*

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Gospel in Culture

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Secretaries of State

- Carter
 - *Cyrus Vance*
 - *Edmund Muskie*
- Reagan
 - *Alexander Haig*
 - *George Schultz*
- GHW Bush
 - *James Baker*
 - *Lawrence Eagleburger*
- Clinton
 - *Warren Christopher*
 - *Madeleine Albright*
- GW Bush
 - *Colin Powell*
 - *Condoleezza Rice*
- Obama
 - *Hillary Clinton*
 - *John Kerry*
- Trump
 - *Rex Tillerson*
 - *Mike Pompeo*
- Biden
 - *Antony Blinken*
- Trump
 - *Marco Rubio*

Gospel in the Culture

Secretary of State Marco Rubio

(his closing remarks at Charlie Kirk's Memorial Service)

“One of the things Charlie wanted us to take away is this: His deep belief that we were all created—every single one of us—before the beginning of time, by the hands of the God of the universe. An all-powerful God who loved us and created us to live with Him in eternity. But then sin entered the world and separated us from our Creator. So God took the form of a man, lived among us, suffered, died, and on the third day rose again. To prove any doubters wrong, He ate with His disciples, and they touched His wounds. He didn't rise as a ghost or spirit, but in the flesh. He promised to return, and He will. Because He took on that death and carried that cross, we are freed from the sin that separated us from Him. When He returns, there will be a new heaven and a new earth, and we will all be together, reunited.”

9/28/25

- 5/4–**New Series: Kingdom Parables**–Mt 6.25-33—Birds & Lilies
- 5/11 – (Mother's Day) – Guest Teacher: Daniel Pope
- 5/18 – Kingdom Parables - Mt 13.24-43—Wheat, Seed & Leaven
- 5/25 – Memorial Day Weekend (No Class)
- 6/1 – Kingdom Parables - Mt 13.24-43-Wheat, Seed & Leaven 2
- 6/8 – Kingdom Parables-Mt 13.44-50-Treasure, Pearl, & Net
- 6/15 – (Craig away) Guest Teacher: Bo White
- 6/22 – Kingdom Parables-Mt 18.23-35-Unforgiving Servant
- 6/29–Kingdom Parables–Mt 20.1-16-Workers in the Vineyard
- 8/17 – Guest Teacher: Erin Holcomb
- 8/24 – Guest Teacher: Bo White
- 8/31 – Labor Day Weekend (No Class)
- 9/7 – Kingdom Parables – Lk 14.15-24 – Master Gives a Feast
- 9/14–Kingdom Parables–**Mt 22.1-14 – King Gives a Banquet**
- 9/21 – Guest Teacher: Bill Laughlin
- **9/28 – Kingdom Parables – Mt 25:1-13 – Ten Virgins** 9/28/25

Kingdom Parables

- **Kingdom of God**

= a realm, not like on earth

= wherever God's light and royal will is reigning

= includes the Church, but it's more

- **Parable**

(Greek: *parabole*)

= comparison ~ metaphor ~ picture ~ illustration

= concrete depiction of a cosmic truth

= a story with symbolic, spiritual meaning



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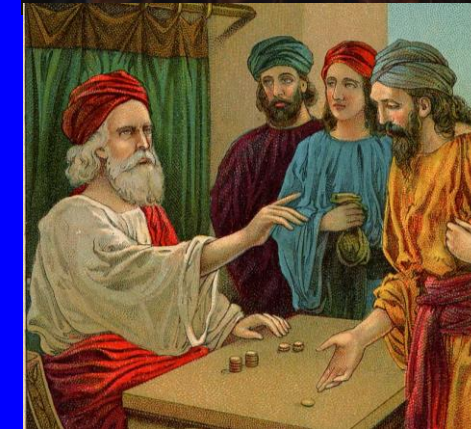
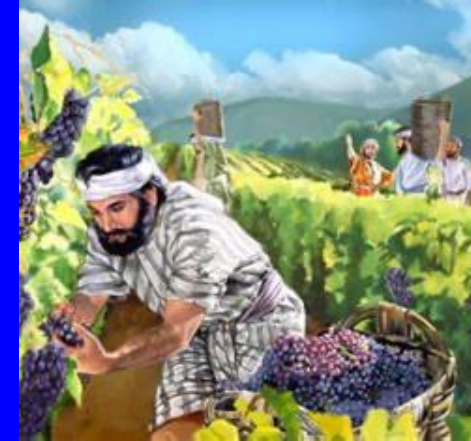


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- 13:24 – ... *a man who sowed good seed* (Weeds & Wheat)
13:31 – ... *a mustard seed* ...
13:33 – ... *leaven* ...
- 13:44 – ... *treasure hidden in a field* ...
13:45 – ... *a merchant seeking fine pearls* ...
13:47 – ... *a net* ...
- 18:23-35 – ...*king settling accounts*
(Unforgiving Servant)

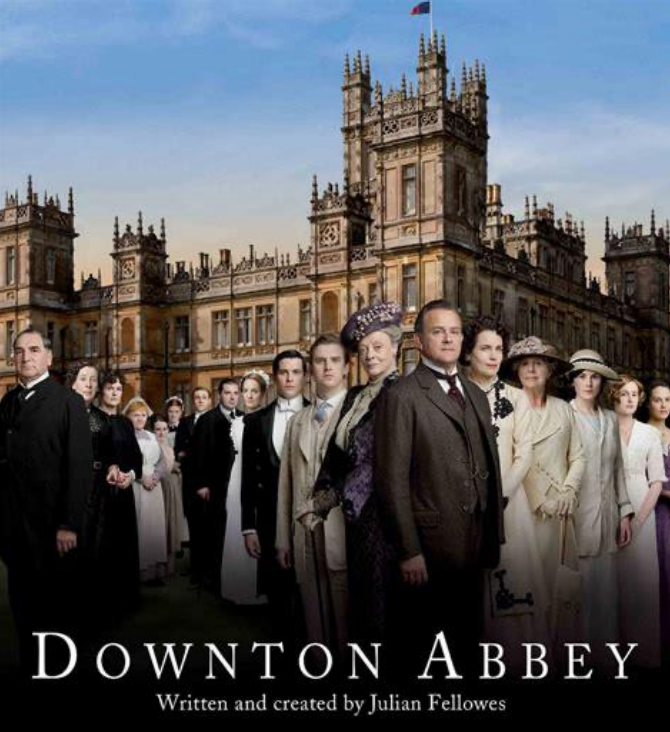


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 - 20:1-16 –...*a landowner*...(Workers in the Vineyard)
 - *Luke 14:16-24 – ... a master gives a feast ...*
 - *Matt 22:1-14 – ...a king giving a wedding banquet ...*
 - 25:1-13 – ... *ten virgins* ...
 - 25:14-30 – ... *a man going on a journey* ... (Talents)



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- v.16-17—Master's Invitation
- v.18-21—Excuses for Declining
- v.21b-23—Call for Others
- v.23—Master's Reaction
 - *compel* ~ ANE courtesy

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Lessons

- God's Kingdom is a Feast
 - Gen 1-2. ... Rev 19 – Joy!
 - Mt 11.19. Lk 7.34.
 - Our lives point this way?
- **Declining Excuses** are Lame
 - Priorities? Distractions?
- God's Generosity > Rejections
 - Wants his House full
- God Invites All & Everyone
 - Who are the poor, etc.?
- Cost of this Feast

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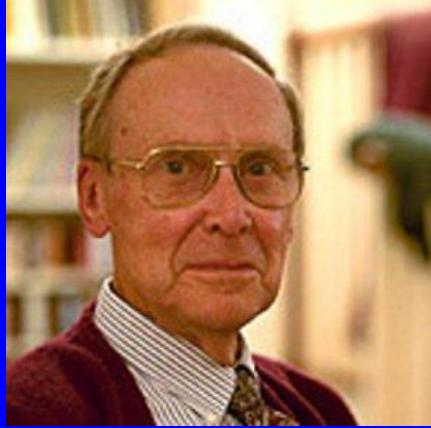
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The gospel is the message of God's redeeming love in sending his own Son into the world. Those who understand that love will be driven to share it. They will not only rejoice to sit down with other redeemed sinners in heaven's feast; they will seek other sinners in Christ's name to call them home. As Christ was sent, so he sends them, and the dynamic of mission is the heart of the love of God.

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 - Job 29:14-...clothed me
 - Zech 3:3-4-...high priest...
 - Luke 15:22-returning Prodigal gets *best robe*

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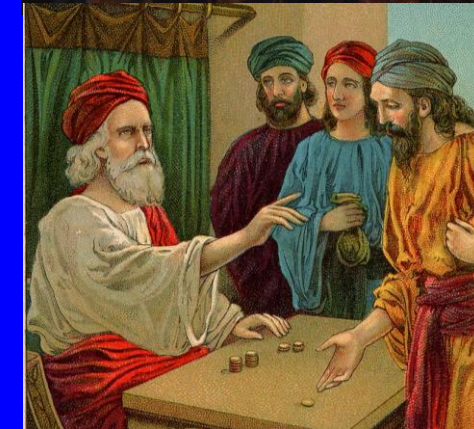
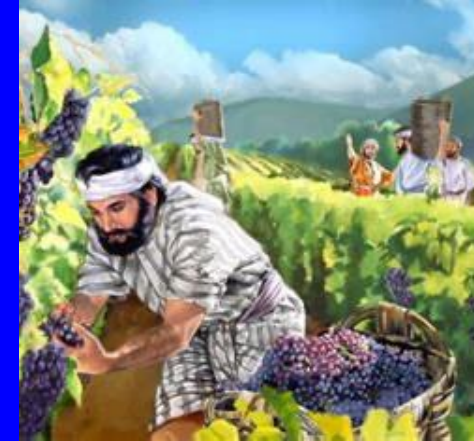
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 - One may not stand before God unprepared for judgment and expect to presume upon his grace

Mt 22:2-14—a *king* gave a *wedding feast for his son*,³...*those invited...would not come*.⁴...he sent other servants saying, '...everything is ready. Come...'”⁵ But they either *paid no attention*, went to other endeavors,⁶ or *killed his servants*.⁷ The *angry* king *destroyed* those murderers and their city.⁸ He said,⁹ 'Go...invite as many as you find.'¹⁰ And they *gathered* all they found, both *bad and good*. The wedding hall was *filled*.¹¹ "But the king saw a guest with *no wedding garment*.¹² He said, 'Friend, how did you get in here?' He was speechless.¹³ The king said, 'Bind him and cast him into the *outer darkness* with weeping and gnashing of teeth.'¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.



Kingdom Parables

THE KINGDOM



- Jesus says, “... *the **kingdom of heaven** is like ...*” at least 10 times in Matthew, often when introducing a ***parable...***
 - 20:1-16 –...*a landowner...*(Workers in the Vineyard)
 - *Luke 14:16-24 – ... a master gives a feast ...*
 - *Matt 22:1-14 – ...a king giving a wedding banquet ...*
 - **25:1-13 – ... *ten virgins* ...**
 - 25:14-30 – ... *a man going on a journey ...* (Talents)

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Prayer